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1. DONATIONS - FURTHER PLEDGES AS FOLLOWS:
1 MILLION SWEDISH KRONER FROM SWEDISH RED CROSS:
5 MILLION SWEDISH KRONER BY SWEDEN FOR PURCHASE AND SHIPMENT
ABOUT 10,000 TONS WHEAT, 700 TONS CONCENTRATED FOOD OR
1000 TONS WHEAT BY HOLLAND, RS.100.000 BY DPR OF KOREA,
100,000 N.Z. DOLLARS FOOD, MEDICINES, REPAIR EQUIPMENT AND
CASH BY NEW ZELAND.

2. GENERAL SITUATION.
A. PUNJAB PROVINCE. WATER FLOW IN PUNJAB RIVERS
FLUCTUATED DURING PAST 24 HOURS, WITH RAVI AT SHAHDRA
(LAHORE) INTO MEDIUM FLOOD LEVEL MORNING AUGUST 29, BUT
FALLING UPSTREAM. CHENAB WAS REPORTED FALLING MORNING
OF AUGUST 29, WHILE JHELMUM REPORTED RISING SLIGHTLY
BUT FAR BELOW DANGER LEVEL. INDUS AND SUTLEJ BOTH
REPORTED FALLING. REPAIR WORK IN FULL SWING THROUGHOUT
PROVINCE, AND SEVERAL AREAS REPORTED BACK TO NORMAL.
B. SIND PROVINCE. FLOOD CRESTING AT KOTRI BARRAGE
(HYDERABAD) WITH LATEST LEVEL REPORTED AS 25 FEET
2.5 INCHES AS OF 0900 WEDNESDAY. LEVEL APPARENTLY
STILL RISING SLOWLY, WITH CREST EXPECTED MIDNIGHT
TONIGHT. CREST MAY LAST TWO OR POSSIBLY THREE DAYS.
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LITTLE CONCERN ABOUT HYDERABAD ITSELF AND IMMEDIATE
LOW-LYING LATIFABAD SUBURB. THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN
FLOODING OF AREAS SOUTH OF HYDERABAD, AND THIS IS
THREATENING FURTHER LOSS OF BANANA, VEGETABLE AND OTHER
CROPS. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT HIGH TIDES IN ARABIAN
SEA ARE SLOWING DOWN FINAL DISCHARGE OF INDUS FLOOD
WATERS. PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO, CHIEF ARMY STAFF GENERAL
TIKKA KHAN, CHIEF NAVAL STAFF ADMIRAL AHMAD, AND

MAJORITY SIND CABINET WERE IN HYDERABAD AREA TUESDAY. IN NORTHERN AND CENTRAL SIND, WATERS CONTINUE TO REcede AND IN SOME SECTORS, ESPECIALLY SUKKUR AREA, PEOPLE BEGINNING RETURN TO HOMES. LAW MINISTER PIRZADA ANNOUNCED FROM HIS NEW BASE IN DAHARKI AREA THAT DIVERSION OF PANJNAD WATERS FROM RAHIM YAR KHAN AREA INTO NORTHERN SIND WILL NOT RPT NOT ENDANGER LEFT BANK REGIONS NORTHERN SIND AS HAD BEEN FEARED. IN MIDDLE STRETCHES THERE WERE NO FURTHER REPORTS FROM RIGHT BANK (DADU-SEHWAN) TUESDAY. REPORTS FROM LEFT BANK SUGGEST RECESSION FROM MORO AREA, BUT CONTINUED PRESSURE ON DAULATPUR-SAKRAND AREA, WHERE WATERS RUSHING SOUTHWARD BACK INTO INDUS THROUGH BREACH IN BUND. THIS AREA (NAWABSHAH DISTRICT) APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CENTER OF MOST CRITICAL DAMAGE IN SIND BOTH BECAUSE FLOODING WAS EXTENSIVE AND AREA HAS PROVINCE'S MOST PRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURAL LANDS (MAINLY COTTON AND SUGAR CANE AT THIS SEASON). FLOW OF DISPLACED PERSONS INTO KARACHI HAS DECLINED TO 60 OR 70 TUESDAY. ALL BUT ABOUT 1,000 HAVE BEEN SHIFTED FROM HALLS AND TENT CAMPS IN RAILWAY CANTONMENT AREA TO SOMEWHAT BETTER ORGANIZED HOUSING IN LANDI-KORANGI INDUSTRIAL AREA.. ARRANGEMENTS OBSERVED CANTONMENT STATION AREA TODAY APPEARED MORE ORDERLY, WITH FOOD, UTENSILS, CLOTHING, VITAMINS, BEING SUPPLIED BY GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND AMPLE BENEVOLENT POLICE PRESENCE. DISPLACED PERSONS APPARENTLY ALL PUNJABIS (NONE FROM UPPER SIND) AND MANY TOWN-DWELLERS AMONG THEM EXPRESSING PREFERENCE FOR REMAINING KARACHI RATHER THAN RETURNING BAHAWALPUR -RAHIM YAR KHAN AREA.

3. MILITARY OPERATIONS.

A. UH-1 OPERATIONS. THREE OPERATIONAL HELICOPTERS 28 AUG FLEW 14 SORTIES, 15 HOURS, CARRIED 15 PASSENGERS, UNCLASSIFIED

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DELIVERED 6,000 POUNDS CARGO, MADE ONE EMERGENCY EVACUATION, DELIVERED FIVE PAKISTANI MEDICAL TEAMS, AND RELOCATED ELEVEN MILITARY/CIVIL FLOOD CONTROL ENGINEERING TEAMS. ALL SIX CRAFT EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL TODAY WITH, AS USUAL, FIVE FLYING AND ONE ON MAINTENANCE.

B. BOAT OPERATIONS. DETACHMENT 19 STILL OPERATIONAL AT RAHIMYAR KHAN FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD. DETACHMENT 21 RELOCATED 28 AUG FROM DERA NAWAB SAHIB TO MULTAN WHERE IT IS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM PAKISTAN COMMAND AS TO WHERE IT SHOULD RELOCATE FOR OPERATIONS, MOST LIKELY POSSIBILITIES ARE RAHIMYAR KHAN OR HYDERABAD AREA. SOBER

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